

Diary of Jeremiah Fox Yates, 1852

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1st,

Began the year in prayers & receiving covenant. Was much blessed in prayer with S.

Lent horse & sleigh to Bro. Moses Mosser for 3 days. Took dinner with Rev. H. B. Knight Evening, Married Homes Isish & Lucy P. Peisee, both converted last year in our revival - \$5.00 Sister Knight, Laura Phelps, & Philena Civesille(? Sp) , spent the evening with us. Read some – wrote to Hon. George Clyde. – Clinton has had whooping cough 3 weeks. Weather – Began to snow about midnight – tolerable Sleighing to day – Temperature, about freezing – How rapid the flight of time! “We spend our years as a tale that is told.” The recurrence of this first day of another year always is to me the foreshadowing of the funeral of time. Last night a year expired! A year, crowded with events of infinite moment – overburdened with the weight of destinies it has Sealed forever – wearied (SP) with the songs & Sighs of a thoughtless but suffering world – has laid it down to die! Here at thy Sepulchre, old year, I am fain to pause & bewail thee. Faithful has thy friendship been though transitory thy pausing. Never for a moment in all thy lifetime hast thou forsaken me, & thy presence has cheered the while; & thou hast abridged my path to Heaven! Farewell Eighteen Hundred Fifty one ! We part forever. Thy moments I never can recall – but I hold thy record for Eternity. The thoughts & emotions thou didst wing to my heart, have left their abiding impression on my spirit. I must ever remind me of thee, J. F. Yates

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Wrote a letter to L. Marshall. Read & wrote – Made some calls. Prayer Meeting in Evening – few out. Had a most precious time – very unusually so. Think the tide is evidently rising in our church – Slowly but manifestly. Lord, Lord! “revive(sp) thy work! ---- Weather – fair, moderately cold – Temp about freezing.

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Nothing occurred of unusual interest. Spent the day at home. Bro. Mofrey came back with horse at Eve. Prepared for Sabbath – Bro & Sister Cornstock called – Child’s cough increasing. Weather pleasant – growing colder – prospect all day of a snow storm.

4

Sunday – Preached three times – Morning Heb. 11 -24-26.

Themes Faith of Moses, its fruits, & its foundations –X P.M. 2nd Cor. 2-11. Theme “Satan’s devices.” Illustrated some of them – pointed out the prominent evidences or significance of

them – Evils of this ignorance, & the means for its removal – X Congregations good – Susan home alone – Sister Mary Lane came after meeting.

Eve. Preached with libesly (sp) 1st Kings 16-21 “How long haltze (sp)”. Evils of indecision of character ++! Prayer Mt. after – The best we have had! One,-- Eveselts, forward for prayers Λ His brother Jade for prayers - Weather Mild – snowed some. –

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Sophia Rowley left this morning – been here 3 months. Settled in full. – Prepared for donation visit tomorrow Eve. Called on G. Tracy to get some hay - On Isurnan Nash & took tea – Also on Bro. Comstock. Weather very mild – a little snow fell to day.

“Peace like a river.” –

6

Rose early – (41/2 o'clock) Prepared for donation visit this evening. Went to Burlington – Bought 2 prs. Rubbers – match crystal &c.

Received a donation visit in Eve. House crowded. Amount \$90.00 – viz. Cash, \$56.00 – Wheat, 9 bushels - Oats, 4 bushels Butter, 22 lbs. - Fur Victorine & cuffs, \$8.00 - Flannel, 21/2 yds. Merino Dress, \$5.00 - Socks, 3 prs. – Apples, 1 Bushel – Slippers 1 pr. – Set large table Spoons. – 2 linen handkerchiefs – Sugar, 7 lbs. - Load of wood – Clock. – Candles, Cake, Six loads of wood promised.

Weather very mild in former part of the day – just before nightfall a violent storm of snow & wind commenced & continued through the night – Clinton sick with whooping cough – took him across the way to bro. Elijah Phelps for the Eve.

Had a very pleasant visit with the people of my charge. Rev. H. B. Knight - wife - & mother visited us also. (Brother Knight was my pastor in Greenbush in A.D. 1843-5.)

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Afsisted to re-arrange the house after the Donation visit. In the Evening went to Dr. Taylor for medicine for child. Whooping cough increasing with him.

Weather pleasant, but cold – beautiful moonlight eve.

Religious Enjoyment abiding – not complete.

Appointment for pr. & clafs Mt. in East schoolhouse.

8

Took Sister Mary G Lane to her home in East part of town. Visited & took dinner with them.
Broot Mary back.

Mrs. Hall washed for us to day – Prayer Meeting this evening at the church – few out, but had an Excellent season. Fros – feets of faith, good, but improveable. One unconverted person in.

Sister Amanda Blin stays with us to night –

Mr. E. Tracy sent me a load of hay –

9

Bro. Barstow sent me a load of wood – about $\frac{3}{4}$ cord – worth 1.30.

Sister Sophia Hawes, Almira Sutton, & Laura Phelps, came to day to make the drefs for Mrs. Yates presented her at donation – Sister Blin A had stayed for that purpose. She is with us also to night. – Sister Sutton has had a cough for 4 weeks – fears consumption – pious.

Prayer Mt. this eve. Only five of us out. – Very Excellent.

Sister Meech only one from a distance. Always out.

Lent bro. Witherspoon \$5.00

Went with Susan to Burlington - bot her woolen bonnet Br.

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10

Wrote to Rev. Hiram Mattison of Oswego. Read & wrote. Took Sophia Hawes home in Eve. Got in Snow Bank.

Called at bro. Comstock – Milk –

Prepared for Sabbath – Sister Blin left with H. Brown.

Child getting much better of Whooping cough.

Peace of Mind.

11

Sunday. Preached ~~three~~ 2 times – A.M. 2nd Cor. 9-15 – Christ as a “gift” & as an “unspeakable Gift.” X –

P.M. Prov. 22.3 Proposition, Evil should be anticipated & guarded against. Congregation fair – Appointment for eve. Preaching discontinued

Eve pr. Meeting – good attendance – 3 or 4 unconverted in.

Great depression of Spirit –

Weather. Mild temperature – Snowed fast all day.

12

Revs L. Marshall & C. F. Burdick came to visit us. Staid all day – Took them to Winooski falls in Evening. Blustering – called at Sister Barret's.

13

Took Mary Lane to Burlington & thence to her home – Dinner at Bro. Mr. Miner – Called on Bro. L Miner – Got some herbs for Susan's cold.

Weather, cold. ~~snow to night.~~

Nothing especial in the way of reformation or revival. The Gospel does not appear to be “the power of God unto salvation” as it should. Why Not?

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14

Read Quarterly Review all day – Good arumben. (sp)

In evening went to hear Philosophical Lecture in the high school room – Mr. Gilbert lectured.

Weather – cold & stormy – snows to night.

15

Rose at five – read & wrote. Bro. Knight called –

Sister C. Meech called.

Went to Bro. Marshall's Donation in the Evening. Large attendance – civil - \$72.00 –

Coldest – night we have had froze an Ear.

Prayer Mt. this evening few out – one unconverted.

16

Took 4 bushels of wheat to Mill – Sister Charlotte Lyon called on us. Eve pr. Mt. 4 out –
Afterward went to Mrs. Cadys donation.

Weather very Cold.

17

Went to East part of the town after Mary Lane – Took tea – Called on Sister Miner.

Mary came to stay with us.

Weather very cold –

18

Sunday Preached once – Heb. 3.2 Theme – Revival of the work of the Lord – X

Afternoon Bro. Butolph a Protestant Methodist preached – Gen. 13.16 – Eve prayer meeting –
Excellent.

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19, 20 & 22

Culled Scraps from old papers & pasted them in a Scrap book – Received some calls.

Weather very cold – Cellars freezing – Some snow.

22

Read & during forenoon. Afternoon we visited with Bro. E Phelps: Bro. Samuel Miner & wife
there.

Called with Susan on Mrs. Gleason, & Sister Balford, Sister Drew called & stays to night.

Eve. Prayer Meeting – fair attendance – good.

Bought half cord of wood of Prisson \$1.50 –

23

Afternoon took Sister Drew home – Called on James Blin. He has had difficulty with his wife for
a year. Jealous of her – She is a fine, amiable woman. Visited & took tea. Invited me to pray
with them.

24

At home forenoon. Went to the Point – Visited Bro. Blain's family. Sister B's father is sick -
Scrofulous disease – last winter also. Took tea.

Called on Bro. Comstock in Evening. Prepared for Sabbath.

25

Sunday. Preached twice. Hebrews 10 – 19-22 & Galatians 6-7 (both of these have an X above them)

Congregations good – Religious interest increasing –

Prayer Mt. in the Evening – good attendance.

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Bro. C. Woodward of N. Hampshire Conf. called. Went with him to Sister Nasamore's – took tea. Went to Singing School in Eve. Bro. W stays all night.

Weather pleasant.

27

Bro. Thomas B Pearson called & visited me. – His health has failed & he came to get Bro. Witherspoon to release him from his appointment. He was at Sudbury, Vt. He is going to Newark N.J. to teach. Stays to night.

Bro. Extra Meech called to invite us to dine with them tomorrow. Weather cold but pleasant-

28

Bro. Witherspoon called & released bro Pearson from his charge. Bro. Pleft on the cars for the North – going to Plattsburgh – Susan & I went to bro Meech's to dinner – Spent aft. & part of Eve. Weather pleasant.

29

Went to Burlington. Paid bro. Huntington \$12.00 for acct.. Called on bro. Dodgson – his wife out of health – Went to Winooski Falls, called on Marshall – Bro't Bro. WilkesSpoon home in Eve – Prayer Mt. Precious time. Bro. S. Brown & Sister AC Meech professed to experience perfect love to God. Weather fair.

30

Visited with S. at bro. Jonathan Lyones – Pleasant visit –Horse fell down coming home – broke Sleigh & harness. Neither of us injured. Weather mild –

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January - February –

31

Home all day. Read & wrote.- Began to Snow very fast.

Laura Phelps & Mary Irish spent the Evening with us. Bro. Barstow called.

February 1

Sunday. Preached twice. Rom. 10-4 & judges 3. 20 – Snowed all day – about 1 foot new snow. – Good congregations – Mifsonian collection postponed 2 weeks. Gave notice of Bro. Bertolph's donation visit. P. M. Church Excellent pr. Mt. in the Eve. ---

Appmt in East Church for this Eve. Postponed 1 Week.

2

Wrote Sermon. H B Knight called – Selected Scraps –

Bro. Newell brought a load of wood – a donation \$1.00.

Weather pleasant.

3

Selected papers for scrap book Samuel Brown, a convert Spent the Eve with me. Is going to preach. Wanted some advice – A very remarkable Christian indeed.

Weather moderate. H B Knight, called.

4

Wrote sermon. At home all day - Weather fair –

Wrote a letter to N. York. Adding Herman Barstow, Samuel Nelson & James F. Wells, to the list of subscribers to Advocates & formal. Received a letter from Jas Hallenbeck, asking – “Is it right for a Christian to marry a woman who has obtained a divorce from her husband on the ground of adultery, while he is still living?”

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February

5

At home during forenoon. Afternoon took wife to bro. Chauncey Lyon's. Went to Burlington. Pairs of pantaloons. Took tea at bro. L.'s. Pleasant visit.

Prayer Meeting in the Evening. Excellent. Good attendance.

This is the ninth anniversary of my Spiritual birth day. Nine years of pilgrimage on the way to Heaven! Nine years of conflict with the "gates of hell!" O how they crowd upon my memory! All my past life seems compassed in those nine years. Busy recollection brings back vividly the miracle – moment when my second birth crossed my first, - as the beginning of life – the dawning of Existence. Verily there was a new creation, - infinitely more marvelous than that which produced worlds from Chaos at a word, on the day when "the Morning Stars sang together, & all the Sons of God Shouted for joy!" A new life began in that moment – its throbbings & is yearning to prolong its pulsations forever in Heaven!

But my heart is writing bitter things against itself while it reviews these years of Spiritual Jubilee. In all this time how little have I accomplished! Would a rotary {?} of the world be satisfied with doing no more? In nine years Alexander overran all Asia & saw the world at his feet. In nine years Bonaparte, rushing like a "fierce comet of tremendous size" upon the startled gaze of Europe, rose from obscurity to the very Summit of the temple of fame. So too with the delvers for gold. I would not indeed gather inspiration from such unworthy exemplars, but would learn from the results of their zeal and devotion, that intense & abiding earnestness is indispensable to success. O may I grow rich in "Enduring Substance" – Conquer the World & rest forever on the pinnacle of glory.

Weather mild as April.

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6

All of us went to East part of the town. Roads drifted full – Called at Bro. M.L. Miner – not at home – visited at the house of the Misses Slocomb. Clinton with us, first time we have had him out this winter – much better of whooping cough.

Weather warm and thawing – rains tonight.

7

Home during forenoon. Afternoon visited Judge Meech. Evening visited at Ezra Meech's fm.

Weather mild.

8

Sunday Exchanged pulpits with Br. Thomas Dodgson of Burlington. Preached twice in Burlington. Heb. 12 – 3. & Rev. 20 – 14. In the Eve. Went to Gage's Mt. house & preached on "The Second Death." Aft. Mt. took tea with Bro. M.L. Miner. Bro't Mary home.

Bro. Stewart spent the day at Shelbourne Village with Bro. Dodgson. Did not preach – Was over East this Eve. Bro. Dodgson preached on "God So Loved the World" & "What I do Thou knowest not now [?]"

Had good congregations in Burlington. Not much liberty in preaching. Excellent time in Evening.
Weather moderate.

9

Cut Scraps – Bro's Knight & Witherspoon called. Weather ~~warm~~ moderate.

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10

At home during the day. In Evening went to Bro. L. Comstock's, visited. Thawing fast – begins to rain. Bo't load of hay of Guy Tracey – (1380 lbs.)

11

Read & wrote. Called at bro. Thayer's. Wrote to Bro. W. Bedell of Vergennes (?) – Raining about all day. Snow thawing rapidly.

Wrote to Jas. Hallenbeck – Also to a stranger who addressed me over the of λname Arne Morten - asking an exegesis (?) of 1st Cor. 13-22. "As in Adam all die" (Did not find it)

12

Wrote Sermon. Received a letter from Matilda Northrop. All well as usual at home. Went to Dr. Taylor for medicine - Samuel Brown called & took tea.

Prayer meeting in Evening – few out.

Growing cold.

12

Home all day – Studied & wrote. Mind not as active & Earnest as I would have it. Determined to train it to greater undertakings than it is accōustomed to.

Weather cold. –

14

Received a call from Sister Ellis of Burlington – formerly of this place. Went to the falls.

Called at bro. E. Meech's [?] in the evening.

Cold.

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15

Sunday. Preached twice – Rev. 14 – 6 "The Everlasting Gospel."

Took up a missionary collection of \$47.57. –

Afternoon, Rom. 12-1 The “Reasonable Service”.

Went to prayer meeting in Eve at East Schoolhouse.

16

Culled scraps. Afternoon went to Burlington – Susan with me. Paid bro. Huntington in full \$10.24.

Paid bro. Tousley, ditto, \$12.00. Bought Bro. Caughey’s “Revival Mifsellanies” & three Premium Essays on Systematic Benevolence”. Bro. E Meech Jr. sent me two loads of wood. [over top] donation \$3.00.

Sleighting gone from north & south roads.

Weather growing cold fast.

17

Home all day. Juvenile Singing School in the afternoon.

Sister Sarah Ann Lyon, widow of Bro. Custis Lyon took tea with us. Went to Singing School in the Eve. Three or four hundred present.

Weather very cold.

18

Received a call from Laura Phelps & Adelaide Weed, the last convertd during protracted meeting last year..

Isaac Landon from Cornwall in this State, called to talk about Christian union. He is a Congregationalist. Says he has been insane several times. Bro. Witherspoon received a Donation visit in the Eve. Only 5 charges represented \$45.00.

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19

Assisted Bro. Witherspoon in rearranging his house after Donation visit. Went out to the Point – called at bro. Col. Lamer’s - Hired girl taken in a fit. Staid with them till night – Called on bro. Blain. Bro. Conner his father in law Sick. – Splendid appearance of the Aurora Borealis this Evening. The whole heavens were lighted up & seemed like an ocean rolling in billows of light. The Zenith seemed a radiating center & the North a fountain of effulgence. The phenomenon lasted during the Evening – probably all night.

Weather cold but pleasant.

20

Called on Bro. Comstock – Took Susan to Judge Meech's. Called at Extra's – Took Mary with me to East School house. Preached on the "Profit of godliness." Good time.

Weather cold –

21 Sister Mary Maramore came from the cars. Took her home. Wrote & read. Eve attended choir rehearsal.

Mother Drew "an Israelite indeed." Visits us. Stays to night. Sister Tracy called on us.

Weather moderate.

22

Sunday. Preached twice. Rom. 5 – 8.9 Safety of believers.

Aft. Rom. 3 – 1.2 Justification & Holiness.

Eve prayer Mt. – Snowed nearly all day. Took collection for the Mariner's Church N. York city \$7.00 -

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23

Took Sister Drew home. Went to Burlington.

Weather very warm thawing fast.

24

Made some pastoral visits at the Falls. Kenslows, Tousley's & Pearsons. Went to bro. Meech's in Eve. Read Enough of A. J. Davis' "Harmonia"!

Last snow almost gone –

25

Anniversary of John E. Bower's Spiritual birth day.

Visited at bro. Comstock's with Susan. An oyster Supper in the Eve. For the purpose of repairing the church.

Very warm during the day – Cold at night.

They realized \$25.00!

26

Home all day. Susan Spent the afternoon at Bro. Knights.

Louisa Philena Avesill a recent convert visits us today.

Prayer Mt in the Evening – few out.

Weather cold –

Singing School closed this Evening for the Season. Taught by Mr. Rust a gentleman of Burlington – recently from Boston. He is an excellent Scholar & teacher in Music. He has taught the largest & most orderly School probably ever taught in this town.

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27

Home all day – Wrote Bro. Phelps & wife visited with us in afternoon – Weather clear but cold.

Wrote to Bro. J.H. Perry of Mariners Church New York City – inclosing \$7.00 for relief of that church.

This is the twenty – Sixth anniversary of my birth – day. It has been a day of Solemn emotions & pious resolves. More than a quarter of a century of years have left their stamp upon me, & hurried[?] on to “the years before the flood.” No doubt the greater portion of my probation by far, has already transpired – it may be all gone! O God. Spare me yet a little Space! Let me live not for myself – but for thee! May my future Service be not only undivided, but complete: filling up the sum of my moments, & developing all my powers. O let any character be thick with in us tues {?????} – any life resplendent with the beauty of holiness – my” labor not in vain in the Lord”! Breathe on me now “a double portion of thy Spirit”, infuse my heart with zeal – touch my life with altar fire & glorify thou thyself in my life & death.

Following is handwritten in pencil following above oration.

The true date of My birth as I have found since above was written is Feb. 26th instead of 27th.

J>F> Yates

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28

Read & wrote. Called at bro. Ezra Meechs in the evening.

Snow storm – two or three inches – Blustering in Evening.

Received a letter from bro. Gorton of West Troy.

29

Sunday. Preached twice. Matt. 7 – 24.25 – The wise man & Matt. 8 – 26.27. The foolish man.
Congregations Small.

Eve prayer Mt. good attendance.

Blustering in forenoon. Eve very pleasant.

March 1

Called at Bro. Knight's & bro. Witherspoon's. Afternoon took Susan to Burlington – Called at
bro. Chauncey Lyons. Weather cold.

2

At home – wrote Sermon. Bro. M.L. Miner & wife, Miss Betsey Slocomb, visited us in the
afternoon. Bro. Witherspoon called.

Went to the East Schoolhouse in the Eve. Prayers & class meeting – few out.

Very stormy in the forepart of the day – Evening clear & cold. Bro. M. Mossey went East with
me.

3

Home during forenoon. Bro. George Phelps called. Wrote Sermon. Afternoon & Evening visited
Bro Comstock.

Bro. Witherspoon went to last Preachers Mt for this Conf. year at North Fensburgh. I could not
go.

Cold but very pleasant. –

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4

At home all day. Bro. L. Comstock brought 2 loads of wood – donation -\$2.00.

The two Mrs. Knight visited us in the afternoon.

Prayer Meeting in the Eve. Good attendance.

Weather pleasant – Sleighing Excellent.

5

The Town Chirch took fire this morning – bit it was was soon extinguished. Mr. & Mrs. Lane –
Uncle & Aunt to Mary called to see her.

Called on Mrs. Cady. Mrs. March – Bro's Knight & Witherspoon. Good sleighing. Mild.

6

Wrote & Afternoon went to Burlington – S. with me.

Returned by the Point on the ice. Called at bro. L.S. White's & at bro. Blain's. Bro. Conner sick yet

Warm – thawing.

7

Sabbath. Preached three times. Second Cor. 6. 16.17.18. Luke 23 -34, & Phillipians 4-8. Eved at White Schoolhouse.

Pleasant day – good congregations. Mary went home to visit.

Took cold coming from East Schoolhouse.

8

Sore throat – First I have had since commenced preaching. Took cold yesterday. Sister Lyon, wife of bro. Chauncey Lyon – visited us to day. Went to bro, Meech's in the Evening.

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9

Bro. L. Marshall came to visit me. Selected some books to purchase. – Rainy day – Snow going off fast.

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Visited with wife & Marshall at bro. Witherspoon's.

Babe taken sick – teething. Pasted scraps.

Cold weather.

11 Sold Bro. Marshall \$23.50 worth of books – “Wesley's Works” 3 vols – “Dick's Works” in part. “M.E. Pulpit”, “Mom's Sermons”. “Sketches”, “Comp. of Methodism”, “Comp. of Literature”. “Foster's Life & Thoughts,” “Proverbial Philosophy”, “Horne's introduction” (Abridged) “Gibbon's Rome”, Clafsical Dictionary.”

Took him to Winooski Falls in carriage. Exchanged some books with bro. Huntington.

12

Home all day. Reading, Writing, &(don't know if he has a sign for etc at end of line.)

Thawing fast.

13

Read Eclectic Magazine – Went to East part. Called on Sister Drew – Sister Miner & Misses Slocumb – Bro't Mary Lane home – old. Sister Drew came also.

Eve went to bro. Meech's. He has the mumps.

Cloudy – prospect of rain – Snow almost gone.

Heard a blue bird this morning – others heard also.

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14

Sabbath. Last Quarterly Meeting in Shelburne for this conference year – to day. Bro. Witherspoon here.

I went to Charlotte for bro. W to assis bro. Gold.

Preached twice – Matt. 22 – 42 – Rev. 20 – 14 – Good day.

Partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Returned in Eve – broke carriage on way back.

Congregations very small – Very muddy.

15

Read Eclectic for March – Went to bro. Meech's after the thills of my wagon – Invited to dine with Judge Meech to morrow – Susan wrote to Matilda.

16

Took thills to the Falls to be repaired – Walked down to Judge Meech's to dinner – Visited all afternoon

Walked home again – Rec'd a letter from bro. Gorton of West Troy.

17

Read Webster's Speech on Colonization – Good.

Attended funeral of Harry West's child – Preached on Job 1-21 – Went to grave – buried in this village.

In Eve. Heard Mrs. Jamieson of Burlington deliver a lecture in the White Church on Ancient Alchemy.

18

Went to Winooski Falls – Called on Marshall – Last Quarterly Conf. for the year this afternoon – Voted to repair the parsonage.

Very muddy – Snow falling very fast.

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19

Studied Sermon on Matt. 5 – 8 – “Blessed are the pure in heart” &

Took Sister Lovina Lyon over East part of town.

Bought ½ cord of wood of Ralph Roberts - \$1.00 – Drew it.

Very muddy – cold tonight, freezing hard.

20

Bro. Wells called – Spent to day at home. Greatly in blessed prayer – Revived – Strengthened

Heard of the Sudden death of the wife of bro. Dodgson, Methodist preacher in Burlington – She died last night. Bro. Witherspoon on his way to Williston on official duties. Called on bro.

Dodgson. Sister D having just returned from a walk was lying down in an adjacent room. She was taken with a fit of coughing during which a blood vessel burst. In 5 or 6 minutes her Spirit had taken its flight – They had just time to point her to Lx (??) – She spoke but one word “praise” – unable to complete a sentence by the rapid flow of blood from her mouth.

Bro. W preaches her funeral sermon to morrow.

Called on Mrs. Gilbert this Eve. – Cold –

21

Sunday – preached twice Matt. 5 – 8 & Rev. 3-20 – Had much liberty – Some were evidently invited toward holiness & others awakened to a sense of guilt. May God direct the Shafts of truth! – Much exhausted by the labors of the Services of the day – This trembling body will soon wear out. Pr. Mt. in eve – Large attendance – Excellent.

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22

Reading up for Conference – Butler’s Analogy.

Went to bro. Meech’s after my carriage. Called also on bro. Comstock & Sister Tracy – Sick with consumption.

23

Read Butler's Analogy – Called on Eve at bro. Meech's

Sister Lucy Holabird spent the day with us.

Snowing all day very fast.

Bo't a quarter of veal –

24

Studied during forenoon. Aft. Visited on Point At Bro. R. White's – L.S. White's & Bro. Blair's.

Tolerable sleighing – snowing some.

25

Read & Studied – Visited Sister Tracy & Bro. Morehouse – Sister Fanny Comstock's - & bro. L Comstock's.

Bro't Sister Mary Tracy home with me in Eve.

Pr Meeting – 9 or 10 out

Pleasant but cold

26

Home all day – Read & wrote.

Raining almost all day –

27

Prepared for Sabbath. Took bro. Meech home in Eve.

Chas. Phelps & Laura his sister spent the Eve with us.

Lucilia H. Reed stays with us to night – I went to falls this aft, bo't oats of Eden Tousley.

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28

Sabbath Preached twice. Eph. 6. 10-18 – Job 22. 15.17 –

Congregation moderate – roads bad –

Excellent prayer Mt. in the Eve – ~~large~~ good attendance.

29

Read Butler's Analogy. Called on bro. Witherspoon.

Bro. G. S. Gold preaches in Charlotte visited us. He spent yesterday in Burlington – Preached for bro. Dodgson – He says that bro. Y. F. Burrows, in the same class with myself in Conference, is dying with consumption at Mechanicsville, NY. He is an amiable brother.

Snowing some.

30

Went with Susan to Sister Drew's & bro. Barstow's.

Matilda Barstow is coming down with Measles.

Bro. B. Not at home – Bro. & Sister Comstock called – Called on bro. Phelps in Evening.

31

Wrote etc – Repaired carriage.

Eliza Tousley called in the Evening. Her father moves to Shelbourne Falls this week.

Rollin Barstow bro't me a load of hay & 1 ½ bushel oats.

Raining some – Sleet – Snow –

April 1

Wrote Sermon – Went to Burlington S. with me. Called on bro. Dodgson –

Pr. Mt in Eve – few out – Six inches snow fell last night.

All gone nearly to night –

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2

Wrote Sermon - Called with Susan on Sister Tracy Bishop Comstock – Truman Nash & Lewis Tracy.

Very muddy –

3

Wrote & read – Called on Sister Avesill. Brought old Sister Drew home with me. She stays to night. Went to bro E. Meech's in the Evening. Left carriage & bro't his wagon home to draw wood next week. Sister Meech gone to Shrewsbury.

Cold to night.

4

Sabbath. Preached once. John 13.34 The "new Commandment."

Afternoon received six probationers into full membership, viz Rollin Barstow – Albe West – Ann Norris – Jane Victoria Hutchinson – Harrietta m. Phelps – Mary C. Lane.

The exercise of reception was deeply impressive.

In the Eve. Prayer Mt. Excellent. Mesinda Sherman rose for prayers – A backslider from abroad.

Received Margaret Spellesy – a recent convert from Possery (?), on probation. She is remarkably intelligent & very young.

A very pleasant day & Evening –

Martha Lane came home with us to day to stay for awhile with Mary & visit us.

5

Drew Seven Loads of wood. Took Sister Drew home. Her daughter-in-law is sick, prayed & conversed

with her.

Read Watson on the Sacraments.

The measles are spreading in the town.

6

Home all day – Studied for Conf. etc.

7

Studied & wrote – Took bro. Meech's lumber wagon home – Martha C. Lane went to visit Laura Phelps –

Stays there to night.

8

Home – reading tec. Prayer Meeting in the Eve.

Weather very pleasant.

Writing Sermon for fast day –

9

Fast day for the State of Vermont. Preached from Rev. 8 – 1-5 – Four Clergymen present – viz Bro,

Witherspoon – Knight – Wilder & Lompson.

Prayer Mt. after sermon – Bro. & Sister Jonathon Lyon came * staid to fast day dinner.

Weather Pleasant.

10

H.B. Knight called – Prepared for Sabbath.

11

Sabbath - Preached twice – Acts 20-24 & “Let him alone”

Eve. Went to East Schoolhouse to pr. Mt – good time.

Mary went with me – Pamela Brown called –

Heard they had a good Pr. Mt at the Village – Meinda Sherman Seeking religion.

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12

Took wife to see Sister Drew – Sick – Sister Meech called – Went to the Falls to get horse shod.
Called

On Sister Curry –

13

Read all day – Went to bro. Comstock’s in Eve –

Very muddy –

14

Read all day – Eve. Heard a lecture on Ancient Alchemy by Mrs. Jameson of Burlington College.

15

Read all day – Rained & Snowed all day - No Pr. Mt.

Called at bro. Witherspoon’s.

16

Home – read etc. Rev. T. M. Smith. Lectures on the Maine Lignos Law – called on me – Lectured
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Took up collection \$3.29 staid with me all night.

17

Read etc. Called on Judge Meech & Esra’s.

Very muddy – Sister Tracey paid me \$6.00 Mifsing money –

18

Sabbath Preached twice from Exodus 7 – 1-6

Baptised Ann Maria Avenill & Margaret Spellisg Both recent converts. Pr. Mt. in Eve. Mifs Sherman has

Found peace.

19

Went to Burlington – Took Mary along – God some books I had bound & took some others.

H. B. Knight called – He is going to Keesville to preach – Called on Sister Mofsey.

20

Home all day - Read Watsons Inst. & wrote –

H. B. Knight called –

21

Mary went home this morning on a visit. Bro. Phelps took her – Read Watson's Inst. Wrote to Hiram.

Called at bro. Comstock's in the eve.

22

Read all day – Bro. E. Phelps called in.

Took S & baby out riding.